

1 AN ACT relating to coverage for Lyme disease.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF SUBTITLE 17A OF KRS CHAPTER 304
4 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) All health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act*
6 *shall cover long-term antibiotic therapy for a covered person with Lyme disease,*
7 *if the therapy is:*

8 *(a) Determined to be medically necessary; and*

9 *(b) Ordered by a physician licensed under KRS Chapter 311 that has made a*
10 *thorough evaluation of the person's symptoms, diagnostic test results, and*
11 *response to treatment.*

12 *(2) Coverage under this section may be subject to cost-sharing provisions, including*
13 *copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance, that are no less favorable than those*
14 *that apply to other ongoing medication therapies covered by the health benefit*
15 *plan.*

16 *(3) This section shall not be construed as limiting benefits that are otherwise*
17 *available to a covered person under a health benefit plan.*

18 ➔Section 2. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2021.